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I live in the Laurelhurst neighborhood. My house faces Foster Island and the 520 bridge. I would estimate that delays on 520 impacts my driving over 60% of the time I leave and return to my home.

Idling cards create much more pollution and negative environmental impact than do cars traveling at the speed limit. For that reason, I wish the proposal was for an 8 lane bridge.

The resources lost because of people and cars stuck due to 520 is mind boggling to me. I don't know what the exact numbers are, but if the number of cars doubled but moved at something close to the speed limit, my guess is that we'd emit far less hydrocarbons into the atmosphere than in our current situation. The amount of time we'd gain to spend at our jobs or with our families would increase dramatically. For all these reasons I support aggressive bridge expansion.

Foster Island and the surrounding wetlands are an urban treasure and very important to me. The plethora of wildlife and vegetation haven't just survived in the shadow of elevated roadways, they've thrived in their situation. I've got the beaver poop in my boat house to prove it!

Apparently the plan is to use a new "quiet asphalt" material in the construction. Hopefully this mitigates the noise but I support the addition of sound walls as well. Often times there are activities on the lake that cause traffic to slow. Sight seeing is not a requisite of major highway construction. Put up sound walls to mitigate noise pollution and discourage traffic jams.

Thank you.

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Comment Summary:

8-Lane Alternative

Response:

See Section 1.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.